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VISITACION VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

Man Ming Tse is a twelve year old grade honor roll student at Visitacion Valley Middle School. She was born in Hong Kong and came to the United States when she was one year old. She lives with her parents, Fung San and Cheuk Yu, a little brother, grandfather, uncle and a cousin in the Visitacion Valley district.

Man Ming enjoys reading and playing badminton.

Fannie Jo Peagler is the principal at Visitacion Valley Middle School.

VALLEY YOUTH CAREER-MINDED

Thirty-seven young Visitacion Valley residents are participating in the Mayor's Youth Education & Employment Program this school term. They must, in order to participate in this Program, attend school regularly and show that they are maintaining a good grade average. In addition, as part of the MYEEP Program, they participate in 25 hours of pre-employment training and an additional 25 hours of post-employment training. These classes include such subjects as how to fill out an application, interviewing techniques, on the job behavior and grooming, what to do when you have a problem at work, and such general subjects as health and nutrition, drug and alcobol abuse prevention, getting along with peers, how education will help you in your future career. etc

We have a good group of teens in the Program, and they are taking good advantage of this opportunity to put their feet on the first rungs of the career ladder. These youth are our future leaders, and they know it. It is a pleasant surprise to find out how many of them have already given serious thought to their futures and are ready to test themselves in their chosen fields.

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Lupung Kabataan Ng Kristiano

By GERRY L. GALVAN

Five Visitacion Valley young adults\residents. deeply concerned with an apparent deterioration of morals and values of many a person of the modern world have decided to do what they can to help stop mankind's abysmal slide.

Maggie Shapiro, Corinne Resus. Tessie Ong, Ellen Reyes, and Filemon Tolentino, Jr. accepted the other Sunday a persistent challenge from their elders that they organize a congregational Youth Club. They didn't offer any resistance to peers' effort to nominate and elect them officers of the Saint James Christian Youth Club.

After the shoot-from-the -hip nomination and election process, Ms. Shapiro who was elected club president issued a press statement to the Grapevine. She said,"It has become incumbent upon us to work extra hard to bring more youth to Saint James Church."

The club president, an articulate individual whose credentialsinclude teaching Astronomy at City College of San Francisco and two other Bay Area colleges. Her family's long time church affiliation among other things was asked to elaborate on her concept of bringing more youth to Saint James Church.

"Didn't you tell me one time that you have faith in the youth as being the hope of the future," Maggie chided your reporter. Obviously, to a revolutionary martyr in the Philippines who contributed a great deal to his people's enlightenment. The martyr is known to many Filipinos as Dr. Jose P. Rizal.

Of course, Maggie Shapiro had more to say than her reference to the Philippine-scene hero to illustrate her contention that organization of the Saint James Christian Youth Club embraces wider and more consequential dimension.

Maggie's background has enabled her too be comfortable in quoting Biblical passages, most importantly, as well Plato, Socrates, Goethe, Shakespeare, C.S. Lewis and the like. She is

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Neighborhood Group Growing

On February 1, 1991, over 100 of our neighbors met for the second time at the Community Center regarding neighborhood safety. Guest speakers included Mr. Dong, Mr. Newton and Mr. Natvig of Municipal Railway; Officer Lee, Officer Parishis and Lt. Geeter of the San Francisco Police Department; Mr. Gee of San Francisco S.A.F.E.; Mr. DeLeon of the Recreation & Parks Department; Mr. Schindel of the Visitacion Valley Improvement Association; Principal Chao of Visitacion Valley Elementary School; and meeting organizers Ms. Tran, Mr. Choy and Mr. Ma. Besides being well attended, the meeting was lively; covering a wide range of topics...all related to public safety and public services.

Problems discussed included the difficulties people had in catching the MUNI bus when neighborhood violence caused MUNI to reroute the bus line. Why did they reroute it so far away? Could they stop in a more convenient place? Many made suggestions to MUNI for security on the buses in answer to MUNI's concern for the safety of both the drivers and the passengers. Someone asked how to file complaints if one doesn't speak English. A.T.&T. has a translating service over the phone, in which they will set up a conference call with you, the English-speaking person you want to call and their translator...they will help you with your business. It was also suggested that Visitacion Valley Community Center could put out a box to receive complaints in Chinese, Spanish and Tagalog, and have them translated into English and forwarded to the proper complaint-receiving officials. A representative of the bus drivers Union spoke from the audience, saying "You must organize together and go from here to City Hall or nothing will be done." A young woman in the audience volunteered to go down to City Hall and asked for others to join her. Several others volunteered.

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CENTERVIEW

by Julie Kavanagh

THE FAMILY OF THE 90'S...REDISCOVERY

Only in America, and only in the 1900's; has the family been thought of as Mother, Father, Child...ONLY. In other world cultures, the family is large. Besides Mom, Dad and Child there are Grandparents living in the home, Aunts & Uncles, Cousins...

Lately, I've noticed that the long time Valley residents are surprised by the large size of the families that have moved into our Country and our Valley, especially those from China. I'd like to point out that WE are the ones who are different, not the Chinese. They are in step with the majority of the cultures in the world...and yes, all those people in your neighbor's house ARE members of the same family! They help each other and support each other. They don't mind having little personal space; their family and the support they give each other are more important. This mutual support is not usually in the form of money, although many feel that the sole reason that big families stay together is purely economic. They care for each others' children. They share chores at home. They help each other find work. They do errands for each other. They take care of each other when someone is sick or weak or otherwise impaired. All this may sound as if it is only done to save money, but this is not the case. They help each other because they love one another. Watch the grandmothers and grandfathers with the babies. Look at their eyes. See how gently they hold the children, and how much love they lavish on them. Get to know these new neighbors, for they can teach us much!

Our families have broken apart, it would seem, but take heart. How often have you felt lonely? How often at wit's end with children, home, job...maybe school, social life...and the danger on the streets we see every day? Let me suggest to you that you may not know it now, but you DO have a family. What is a family? It is a group of people drawn together by mutual interests for the purpose of mutual support. Historically, we humans are a tribal society. That means WE MAKE OUR FAMILIES just as often as we are born into them. Do you have a "play Aunt"...an adopted sister, brother or cousin? Do you belong to a club...meet with your "partners" after work, have a best friend? All these and more are members of your family in the true sense of family...the tribe. Cave men had tribes. The Irish and Scots have clans. The Samoans have many, many cousins. The Chinese have large families and even larger "Family Associations".

Let's get with it, Americans! Look around you and, if truly broken, reestablish those tribal and family ties! Times are getting tougher...we are going to need to stick together to survive. "United we stand...divided, we fall!"

Don't worry about crowds or space problems. We have more space than everyone else in the world, although we don't think so. We are spoiled! In Japan, commuters who have to go a long way to get to work, keep a place in the city, where they sleep during the week. I saw pictures of many of them. They are all stacked up and have doors that make them look EXACTLY like the pay lockers in the BART Station. They are long, narrow boxes with a mattress and a Television at the end wall. They rented for $25.00 (American) for a night as of two years ago...probably more now! Could you sleep there? Mexican houses are mostly small, many with no more than two rooms. Visitors to our country think our small apartments and cottages are palatial! Meanwhile, we and our families are falling farther and farther behind in terms of maintaining our lifestyles. Why? Because we refuse to live together and care for each other. Think about it! Love, JK

社區中心觀感：九O年代家庭●●●●●重現

只有在美國，也只有在廿世紀，家庭的意義被侷限在父、母和小孩而已。在其他的世界文化中，家庭的定義大得多，除了爸爸、媽媽和小孩外，家庭包括同住的祖輩、姑姑、叔叔和甥姪輩等。

最近，我已注意到訪谷社區出現許多大家庭，這些家庭大都是從中國移民來此。我願意特別指出，是「我們」自己與眾不同，而不是華人，他們在世界文化中佔有多數的地位。無庸置疑地，這些居住在社區鄰舍的華人，是這些精華文化中的一部份。

中國式的大家庭彼此協助，相互扶持，他們對居住空間的狹小不太介意，家庭中的彼此互助才更重要，這些互助的力量大都不是金錢，雖然有很多人著想，大家庭同住可以節省經濟開支，但是大家庭成員中，對彼此小孩都很關照，才是可貴。

我常見大家庭的成員分享生活的經驗，互助幫助尋找工作，在有人病痛時照顧扶持，難道這些所做的是，單單是為了省錢，顯然不是。這是因為他們彼此互愛。

看看祖父母抱著小寶寶的溫馨鏡頭，看他們多小心翼翼，關愛眼神溢於言表。多認識我們的新鄰居吧，看他們能帶給我們這麼多啓發。

美國式的家庭早已「分家」，曾幾何時「你曾感到寂寞無助？」其實我們每個人都有一個家庭，「什麼是家庭？」我認為家庭是一批人互助關懷，為了共同的目的相互扶持。從歷史的觀點看，人類創造了家庭，是好像與生俱來。可是細想美國式的家庭都是那麼微小薄弱。

讓我們奮起，這是美國人重建家庭倫理價值的時代，只有團結的家庭，我們才能站起，反之我們就會失敗。

別擔心居住空間的穩私問題，我們每個人的平均空間已高居全球首位，我們只是被寵壞了。在日本有所謂的「通勤者旅店」，每個人睡覺的地方一層夾一層隔起，活像捷運系統的存物箱，每晚卻索價廿五元，這還是多年前的價錢，現在可能還高。你會睡在那裡嗎？

墨西哥人的房子，大都很小，很少超過兩個房間，外來客常認為我們的公寓、閣樓都很寬敞，可是同時，我們人與人間的距離也越來越遠。

「為什麼？」這是因為我們拒絕與大家庭同住，不願互相關懷。想想看吧！

愛你們的茱莉・卡凡奇

Valley Vitals

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Sierra Camille Faulkner was born at 9:30 AM on February 21, 1991. Sierra, the second daughter of Debble and John Faulkner has an older sister, "Alex". Her Mom, Deble, is the organizer and teacher of the Saturday Art Workshops at VVCC. Sierra weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and was 20-3/4 inches long at birth. Deble says she has lots of dark hair, and is very cute. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

THINKING OF YOU...IN SERVICE TO AMERICA

Gene Bedgood, 43. Sgt., U.S. Air Force, is in the Middle East.

Kevin Fee, 20, is in the U.S. Army in the Middle East.

John L. Gleeson, son of SFPD Capt. Gleeson, is in Saudi Arabia.

Cynthia (Tina) Jones, U. S. Air Force, is in Arizona.

Robert Magarrell, 20, U. S. Army is stationed in Germany.

GET WELL SOON: Pasquale ("Pat") Castellano, VVCC Board Member and Senior Center member is recuperating at home from successful major surgery.

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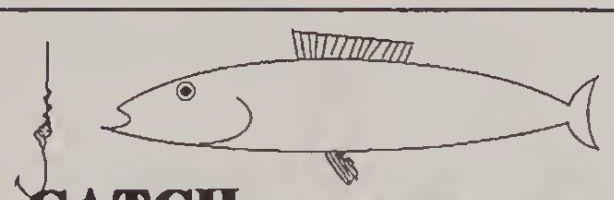

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

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Dear Service Provider:
I am asking your assistance in informing working families about the EARNED INCOME CREDIT. This is a refundable tax credit from the federal government which can be as high as $953. Families that work and have at least one child living with them are eligible for the EARNED INCOME CREDIT if their income in 1990 was less than $20,264. To receive the credit, families need only to fill out an income tax return.

It is especially important to reach out to families that earn too little to owe any federal income tax and, therefore, may see no reason to file a return.

The EARNED INCOME CREDIT is "refundable", which means that low income working families can benefit—even if they owe no federal income tax or have no income tax witheld. Eligible families that owe no income tax receive a check from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in the amount of their credit.

But to receive this check, eligible families must file a federal tax return, form 1040 or 1040A. For assistance, families can call the IRS toll free at (800) 829-1040, or the local IRS office located at 450 Golden Gate Avenue. 1st floor, San Francisco.

Those who do not owe taxes can file their tax return at any time this year -- they will not be penalized if they miss the April 15th deadline. Families who owed no taxes in any of the last three years can file at any time for a retroactive refund. **Families on public assistance (AFDC, Medi-Cal, Food Stamps or SSI) will not be penalized for receiving the EARNED INCOME CREDIT.**

Sincerely, Art Agnos, Mayor

February 19, 1991

The Editorial Committee,
I am notifying all interested persons of a meeting, at City Hall, February 26, 1991, at 2PM.
This meeting is to discuss, and/or pass legislation to raise the fine from $20.00 to $100.00 for violation of curb-ramp violations.
Whereas I personally feel that "it's been far too long in coming", I also have other concerns concerning this matter. Those monies that are raised, I feel should be used to educate, or set-up an awareness' class, so that violators might better understand what problems they cause the disabled.
An awareness class is most suredly needed in San Francisco, time and time again the disabled find themselves 'stranded' unable to even get out of an auto, cross streets, or get on to the sidewalks.
Sincerely, Jack C. Bergess, California Access & Human Rights.

CHILDREN'S CENTER ADDS KINDERGARTEN

The first Children's Center, located at 620 Jennings Avenue has added kindergarten classes to it's services. The Center [illegible] on Bayshore Blvd., and directly across the street from the Cesar Chavez/Bayshore Station, sees especially attractive to commuters.

The first Children's Center was founded in August of 1980. It offers preschool and kindergarten with extended care which is designed to offer the best in educational experiences for young children [illegible] and the first Children's Center will open each weekday at 7:00 AM and closes at 6:00 PM.

Children's Center, Kindergarten [illegible] ing of the number of hours, and days [illegible] ended will be depending [illegible]

There are spaces open for children now [illegible] and the first Children's Center will [illegible] Open [illegible] the number, the [illegible]

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新街坊團體成長迅速

在今年二月一日，有超過一百名社區人士參加了於訪谷社區中心舉行的新街坊團體集會，討論大家關切的社區話題。與會的演說者包括公車系統代表、警局代表、舊金山S.A.F.E.專案代表、市府休閒娛樂局代表和訪谷小學趙校長等知名人士，討論氣氛相當熱烈。

在此項社區集會中，討論到最近由於治安不靖導致許多公車改道的情事。不少社區人士抱怨公車改道「為何改得那麼遠？」「難道不能停在使乘客上下車更方便的地方？」與會人士做出不少建議，希望對公車上的司機和乘客安全有所保障。

有些人士在會議上提到不諳英語新移民如何投訴的問題。據指出 AT & T 公司備有雙語傳譯服務，可以協助需要人士，解決語言溝通的難題。也有人建議訪谷社區中心應該代為設置「意見箱」，接受中、西、東加文的投訴，由專人再翻譯成英文交由有關官員處理。

在聽眾中有位來自司機工會的代表說：「除非大家團結起來，一同到市府請願，否則問題不會改善。」有一位年輕婦女立即表示贊同，接著還有些人齊聲響應。

討論事項中，還提到許多有關警力巡邏的問題，有些人士反應警察局處理狀況延宕時間，甚至沒有回應。來自警局的代表指出，由於警力嚴重不足，確有缺失存在，這位代表表示，很多時候有三、四宗報案接連發生，警方只能根據緩急輕重，先處理有致命危機的案例，其他情節較輕的案件就可能由於分身乏術，喪失處理先機，希望居民認清事實。不過，警局代表強調，千萬不要因為這樣，而放棄報警，由於每通電話都有記錄，這些數據可以支持未來增撥經費、加強警力人手。

目前據知只有一輛警車、兩名警員配屬經過訪谷巡邏。一名「葡萄藤」記者表示，有意把社區的報警記錄刊登出來，使治安問題獲得更多的關注。

由這個新街坊團體主持的此一社區集會，相當成功，今後計劃按月舉行，社區中心和「葡萄藤月刊」都表示全力支持。

Lupung Kabataan Ng Kristiano

ni GERRY GALVAN

Limang mamamayang tiga Visitacion na maturinganga kaanib ng kabataan, pawang balisa sa kakikilabut na kabuktutang sangkataohan ay pumayag tanggapin ang udyok na sila'y magkaisa upang makatulong pigilin ang lubos kapahamakan.

Sina Maggie Shapiro, Corrine Resus, Tessie Ong, Ellen Reyes at Filemon Tolentino, mga anak, ay masayang tinanggap ang alok ng kanilang mga magulang at may katandaang kaanak na itayo ang Saint James Youth Club. Walang kahit isang tumutol sa udyok.

Noong matapos ang biglang mungkahi't halalan, si Bb. Maggie Shapiro, nahalal punong lipunan, ay nagpahiwatig sa Grapevine tungkol sa alingasngas sa Visitacion at sa buong sangkataohan. Sabi niya, "Sambalikat sa ating lahat angtungkuling maganyaya sa mga kataan sa Visitacion at sa sansinuklub sa bagwis ng simbahan."

Si pangulong Shapiro ay isang matalino, mapagbasa, maaralin at mahusay sa pagbigkas at pagtatalakay sa iba't ibang pangyayari sa ating paligid. Siya'y guro sa San Francisco City College at sa dalawa pang pamantasan sa karatig pook. Ang kanyang angkan ay naging pangmatagalangkaanib ng simabahan. Dahil dito'y hindi nagatubili ang inyong mamamayag na anyayahin si Maggie na sana'y ipaliwanag niya and kanyang binitawang kuro kuro.

"Hindi ba ikaw ang nagsabing pag-asa ng bayan ang kabataan?" tanong ni Maggie sa inyong lingkod. Halatang nanunumbat at nangungutia siya. Walang sala, si Maggie ay binubungkal ang naipamahaging kaisipang hinango sa matikding lalaking nagbigay ng sariling buhay upang tumino ang kanyang bayan. Kilala ng mga Pilipino ang lalaking ito, ang manggagamot na si Jose P. Rizal.

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very much at home when Copernicus, Galileo, Newton are remembered and discussed as their contribution to Astronomy pops up in formal and informal conversation.

The Rev. Dr. Jerry O. Resus expressed great satisfaction over the election of Ms. Shapiro to the club presidency. "She is a dependable and mature person who will certainly lead her group to newer, wider and much better horizon," he said.

Elected with Maggie Shapiro were: Corrine Resus, vice president; Tessie Ong, secreetary; Ellen Reyes, treasurer; and Filemon Tolentino Jr., public relations officer.

Husband and wife Ray and Racquel Esplana were elected advisers to the club.

For an opener to Maggie Shapiro's youth club activity, she invited her fellow officers and

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ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Jerry O. Resus *586-6381*

the general membership to reflect on the following literature which Rev. Resus shared with his parishioners on Sunday: "There always has been and forever shall be an ongoing struggle between the will of God and the desires of our own hearts. Yes, we want to follow. Of course, we do because, intellectually, at least, we affirm God's way as the road of life."

"But inevitably, there's the other side, we are persons of worth, the Scriptures declare. We have our own free will, so how are we to understand God at all unless He speaks through our instincts and urges through the familiar mode of human experience? And if I have worth, if my feelings are importan if I am heir to abundant liis it wrong forme to pursue it? After all, isn't abundance related to the measure of fulfillment which I feel?

"Back and forth we go, trying to rationalize and eventually reconcile the two perspectives. Bottom line: they are irreconcilable."

"Jesus speaks of sacrifice; we think of gain. We talk of rights and privileges; He, about self surrender. We cherish material goods; He has no place to lay His head. We walk toward the comfortable; He goes down via the dolorosa.

"We are human; we are His. He does love us, and His love keeps us from disintegrating when the tearing gets too hard. But we shall always struggle, and the closer our walk, the more we'll need His understanding. Thank God for His incomparable love."

NEW NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP GROWING FAST

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Also discussed was slow and/or NO Police Department response to calls. The Police representatives described how few officers they have on the job, and the system of prioritizing calls. If they have one officer and three calls; a shooting that is happening immediately, a purse snatching that happened 5 minutes ago and the criminal is gone, and a call about noisy radios after 10:00PM ...they will answer the life-threatening call first, the violent robbery second and the noise call third. Often, when there are many calls going in at once, they will not answer some kinds of calls at all. Several times, the point was repeated: **"Do not quit calling or give up! Keep calling in crimes, because they record each incident called in WHETHER THEY ANSWER THE CALL OR NOT. The more calls that come in, the better chance the Police Department has of getting money to hire more officers. That way, more calls can be answered."** At present, there is only one Police car with two Officers in the Police Department sector that includes Visitacion Valley. A writer from the Grapevine who was present said that they would like to print monthly crime statistics for the area, and that the more light shone on the problem, the better.

The meeting was productive and well worth the time. This new group will be organizing more formally in the months ahead. The Grapevine wishes them much success, and pledges our support to their efforts.

VVCC'S GANG PREVENTION MAN OF THE MONTH

CHARLES LEDBETTER

This eligible bachelor works during the week at the Coca Cola Company. After a long day at work, Charles lifts weights and body builds at the Sunnydale Recreation Center. In his spare time, he speaks to the youth on the street corners, encouraging them to go back to school and to avoid involvement in any destructive behaviors such as gang violence or drugs; "...because the mind and the body are terrible things to waste," states Charles.

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- Room 104, Ms. Barbara Sperring, teacher
- Tomi Nagai-Rothe, poet-teacher

Thinking About the War...January 17, 1991

I feel sad because

the people

is being killed.

I feel sad because

if my dad

goes to the war.

I feel mad because

they're dropping

bombs.

Farleen

I feel sad when people die,

because I cry and they die.

I feel happy because my

family is not there.

April

I feel sad because

My dad is going to die.

I feel sad because

all armies are going to die, too.

I feel I hate the president

because he keep the army to go to the war.

Roneric

I feel that the president is dumb.

I feel happy because no one

in my family is not in the war.

I feel bad because the other people in Iraq

is going to die.

Sophia

I feel that we should not have to go to war.

I feel that there should be no war.

I feel that war is no good.

The war went on for years.

The war just would not stop.

We tried to get away, but they

could always get us.

Sean

I feel sad because part of my family is there...

I feel mad because they might kill my family.

I feel sad because they might die. that's

why I am sad.

Sharon

I feel sad because people don't got no home.

I feel very happy because we win--

Pou

I feel sad because my uncle maybe die.

I feel sad when my mom tell me.

I feel very sad when my uncle went there.

Ljezel

ROOM 202, 4TH GRADE:

WARS

Wars, Wars, I hate wars.

Just no more, I am beginning

to be scared, and no one can

cheer, maybe I will get over with

it one day, and thats all I've got

to say.

by Flor

THE WAR

Some people hate the war,

so they pray not to have one,

Some people like the war,

so they pray to win one.

I hate Saddam Hussein,

so do other people.

I think he is a pain,

and he has no brain.

by Kristin

MEAN, MAD, IRAQ

You're mean and mad,

and everything bad.

You act like a hawk,

You mean Iraq.

You stole Kuwait,

And a bad crook you make.

You're so spoiled,

You want all the oil.

I wish you weren't such

a greedy hawk,

You mean, mad Iraq.

by Helen

THE WAR

The war is sad.

It makes some people mad,

and maybe even bad,

for not doing anything about it.

Some people hate the war,

some people think it's a bore,

some people like the war,

then again some people think it's a bore.

People in the Army fight,

With all of their might,

They have the right,

And so does everyone else.

by Kristin

THE WAR

The war is so sad,

that the people are mad

The war is so sad,

that dads are so rad

Some people like the war.

I don't know why.

Some people hate the war.

I know why.

by Abella

LUPUNG KABATAAN NG KRISTIANO

from page 4

Malawak ang danas-likod ni Maggie kaya naman siya'y madaling magbigkas ng pananalitang anghu sa Biblia, kaunaunahan, at kina pilosopong Plato, Socrates, Goethe, manunulat na si Shakespeare, tagaisip na si C.S. Lewis at marami pang iba. Si Maggie ay may kakayahan kung ang paguusapan ay sina Copernicus, Newton, Galileo at ang kanilang nagawa tungong ikabubuti ng sangkataohan.

Si Pastor Heremias Resus aynagbitaw ng salitang-galak sa pagkatungtung ni Maggie sa pinakamataas na tungkulin sa Saint James Christian Youth Club. "Siya'y taong mapagkatiwalaan; siya'y nasa sapat na gulang at siya'y maasahang maidala ang lupung kabataan sa tuktuk ng tagumpay at karangalan."

Ang apat na kasama ni Maggie Shapiro sa lupung kabataan ay ang sumusunod: Corinne Resus, pangalawang pangulo; Tessie Ong, kalihim; Ellen Reyes, hingngat yaman; at si Filemon Tolentino anak, tiga pamamaala sa balita at pakikisamang madla.

Hindi nag-aksaya ng panahon si Bb. Shapiro. Ininyayahan niya ang kanyang apat na kasapi sa lupon na basahin at unawain ang sumusunod na mga talatang hinango ni Pastor Resus sa Biblia.

"Sa simula ng sangsinukluban at panahon, ang mga tao'y laging nag-iisip at gumagawang mga bagay na laban sa kagustuhan ng Maykapal. Tunay nga, gusto nating sumunod. Ang ating talino'y nag-uudyok sa atin na and kilusang maka-Maykapal ay ang daang tungwastong pamumuhay.

"Datapwa'y hindi natin maiwasan ang bagay na tayo'y nilikhang may halaga. Ito'y mababasa sa mga dahung Biblia. Karapatan nating kumilos. Maunawaan ba natin ang Maykapal kung hindi siya magpakita sa pamamagitan ng ating minanang isip at talino, at sa pamamagitan ng ating karanasan. At kung ako'y may halaga, kung ang aking mga pakiramdam ay mabisa, kung ako'y karapat-dapat sa masaganang pamumuhay, kamalihan bang hanapin at magtamasa sa kasaganahang ito? Dapat nating malaman at tanggapin na ang kasaganahan sa buhay ay ang tunay na kasukatan sa kaligayahan.

"Tayo'y pabalikbalik sa gawaing pag-ugnay ang dalawang kaisipan. Ang lubos na katunayan ay ito: Hindi maaring ipag-ugnay ang dalawa."

"Ang turo ni Hesus ay magpigil tayo sa ginhawa, samantalang ang gusto nati'y makamtan ang biyaya at tamis. Lagi nating binibigkas ang karapatan, samantalang ang nais ng Panginoon ay ang ating kababaan. Gustong gusto natin ang kayamanan, samantalang Siya'y pinanganak sa sabsabing tupa. Ang mga paa nati'y laging hilig sa ginhawang laman, samantalang ang Panginoon ay naghirap sa Kalvario."

"Tao lamang tayo; ari niya tayo. Minamahal niya tayong lahat at ang pagmamahal na ito'y lubos. Hindi nais ng Maykapal na tayo'y magkawatakwatak. Kailangang magsumikap tayong lahat. Habang tayo'y lumalapit sa ating pinatutunguhan, lalo nating kailangan ang tulong ng Maykapal. Dapat nating pasalamatan ang Panginoon sa walang katulad na pagmamahal." rio.

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Laticia Preddy, coached by VVCC Administrative Assistant Brenda Lopez, tests her typing skills as Joyvelle Henderson looks on.

Little Hollywood Reports

by: Don Bertone ©

The next general membership meeting of the Little Hollywood Association will be on Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 PM, at the Korean Presbyterian Church on 120 Lathrop Avenue. Everyone in Vis Valley is invited to attend our meetings because most of the issues we talk about affect us all. For more information call 467-9669. Please note that unless an article appears in the GRAPEVINE announcing a meeting, there will be no meeting for that month. Special interests or problems can always be brought up at any meeting. Guest speakers are always invited to attend. This is your forum, so make it work. The only reason that our neighborhood does not get run over with problems like so many others is that we have such a strong group that is heard downtown and gets things done. There is always plenty of free parking right outside the front door. The GRAPEVINE can be found in newspaper boxes and stores around the area or is mailed to those that have paid their LHA membership dues. This is the ONLY paper that tells what's going on in the neighborhood, so if you don't get it, you miss out. Come to the meeting and make yourself heard or don't complain later that nothing gets done, or even worse, something you don't want gets done.

There were 3 Planning Commission meetings in December and January concerning the Hester Heights Project. We had about 30 neighbors and even some outside supporters show up and testify. We have been meeting with the developer, Kirk Miller and Associates, for a year now trying to work out the details of what the neighborhood would like to see built there. We also tried to get the impacts minimized so that the neighbors on Hester and the surrounding area would not have to put up with an endless construction project and increased problems that go with a very high density project like this one.

Vice President Rich Lucas works as a traffic and transportation planner for the City of San Jose and after doing a study on his own, based on his experience with similar projects determined that the Bayshore-Hester corridor with no traffic controls and the poor design of the project will result in traffic accidents and tie ups for years to come. Others spoke about the hardships our friends on Bayview Hill have had to endure for over 3 years now, with no end in sight.

An appeal has been filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to have ELECTED officials hear our case and not just a bunch of appointed bureaucrats who don't listen to the public...only the monied developers. This will be the main topic of discussion for this month.

Police-Community Relations continues to have our monthly meeting on the first Thursday of every month at the Esprit clothes factory on Minnesota Street. Captain Rich Holder still wants to maintain a special relationship with us so he, or Officer Jay Parishis, will continue to attend our Little Hollywood meetings.

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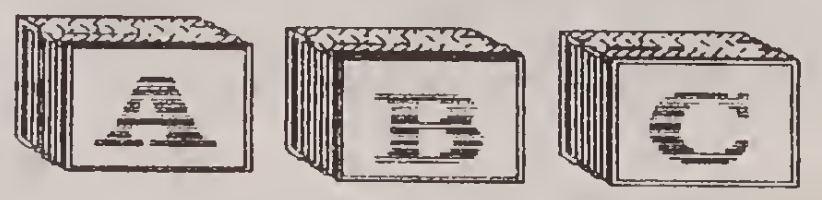

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This Month in S.F. History

March 1: In 1859, the seal of the City of San Francisco was adopted.

March 3: In 1950, the old Third Street Bridge at Islais Creek, having been redesigned into a six-lane roller-bearing span, was reopened.

March 4: In 1934, the Easter Cross on Mt. Davidson, for many years the site of an annual sunrise service, was officially dedicated.

March 14: In 1870, following debates and compromises between the municipal government, land owners and squatters, a legislative act was finally passed reserving land to develop Golden Gate Park. In 1896, Adolph Sutro, then Mayor of San Francisco, opened his world famous Sutro Baths adjacent to his Cliff House. Sutro Baths was destroyed in a mysterious 1966 fire.

March 18: In 1849, a pre-gold rush census was taken of San Francisco's adult white population, listing 575 males, 177 females, and 60 children of school age. In 1850. the municipal government declared that all land titles made, either grants or any form of sale, were illegal unless approved by the Town Council or an elected Alcalde.

March 22: In 1957, an earthquake registering 5.3 on the Richter Scale shook the Bay Area at 11:45 AM. Two lesser tremors had been felt earlier that day. In 1963, the last prisoners were removed from Alcatraz. a federal penitentiary for nearly thirty years.

March 26: In 1851, title to all lots located below the high water mark within the limits of the City of San Francisco were officially relinquished by an act of California legislature. In 1855, Washington Street between Dupont (Grant Ave.) and Kearny Sts. became one of the first paved streets in the City.

March 28: In 1853, the lighthouse on Alcatraz Island, one of several under construction at various locations, was completed.

March 29: In 1856, the English clipper ship "Florence Nightingale" set a new record from London to San Francisco, making the voyage in 121 days.

March 30: In 1854. the new United States Branch Mint, a three story structure on Commercial Street near Montgomery, was completed at the total cost of $296,000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitacion Valley Community Center offers a Photography Class for beginners through experts on Monday and Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Instructor Walter Corbin is an expert in darkroom techniques, and his students have won prizes in local shows. Classes are free of charge.

Sewing Class for Adults, sponsored by the Southeast Community College, is held at VVCC, 50 Raymond Avenue, on Thursdays from 9:30 AM until 2:30 PM during the school term. FREE.

BILLY HUTTON TRACK CLUB

Daily practices from 4:30 - 6:00 begin at SFSU track Monday, March 4, under the guidance of head coach Gary Bluth. Meets begin in April. The program concludes the end of July with the Club's participation in the country's most competitive youth track meet--the TAC Junior Olympic Nationals, to be held this year in North Carolina.

At the Nationals last season, twelve of the Club's young athletes were finalists, including twelve-year-old Kamailia Williams who won the gold medal in the Midget Division 800-meter run and the silver medal in the 400 meters.

Membership in TAC (the governing body for track and field in the United States) is required for all BHTC members. The TAC fee is $12 and includes primary/secondary insurance for athletes during practices, traveling to and from meets, and competing in TAC meets. Registrants are also required to submit a copy of their birth certificate and to sign the Club's Code of Conduct contract. For additional registration information, please call 668-1329.

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Sunnydale Rec News...

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In light of the violence that is occurring in the Persian Gulf, there is an urgent need to first, acknowledge the devastating effect this is having on our youth, and second, we must refocus the youth on the individual goals and objectives they have set for themselves.

To acknowledge the effect this is having on our youth, is to understand they are concerned and fearful of the impact the war is having on their day to day lives. Fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and other loved ones are sent away to fight in a war not knowing if they will return. A child without a parent temporarily is devastating enough but for a child to lose a parent to death which is permanent is tragic. Imagine telling a child you'll their older sibling has been killed while he/she is in Iraq will be returning home in a body bag. Consider this: while viewing the television your child's program is continually interrupted with news updates on the casualties of the war. What is this doing to our children?

Sunnydale vs. Hunter's Point United States vs. Iraq, these are territorial wars. Killing the opponent or forcibly persuading the opponent by killing is not the way we want the child youth to resolve conflicts. We're contradicting ourselves. It is true that children learn by example, what are we showing our children? More over, what are we teaching our children about conflict resolution?

From a child's/youth's perspective the war can be perceived as a legal gang employed by us to resolve conflict. The child youth is receiving contradicting messages. The gang prevention program advocates peaceful means to resolving conflict and instilling values contrary to destroying our fellow brethren because of conflict.

In closing, there is an urgent need to refocus the child youth's attention on their own individual goals objectives for their future. Even though this is a difficult task it is mandatory. SAVE THE CHILDREN, FOR THEY ARE OUR FUTURE.

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The Bayview Hunters Point Crime Abatement Committee meets March 13, 1991 at Joseph Lee Recreation Center at 7:00 PM.

Water Rate increases will be considered at a public hearing by the Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday, March 12, 1991 at 2:00 PM.

R.O.S.E.S. (Residents of South East Sector) Police-Community Relations meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at the Esprit Cafeteria, 900 Minnesota St.

The Third Annual Young Author Program, sponsored by the San Francisco Unified School District and the San Francisco Reading Association, is open to all students, K-12. Books should be original student work, written during the 1990-91 school year. Submission deadline: March 22, 1991. Send to Parkside c/o Hones, Room 4, 2550 - 25th Ave., San Francisco, Ca. 94116 or call (415) 731-6616 for additional information.

The **Invest-In-America** Northern California Council, Inc. announces its 1991 writing programs. Open to all high school students, the 29th Annual Journalism Program is accepting articles or editorials published in high school and local newspapers (Grapevine??) on the topic: "What the Individual Can do to Conserve Energy". Prizes are awarded for the best entries. Call (415) 781-3282 for entry requirements.

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ERRATA:

Our sincere apologies to Visitacion Valley Middle School and Principal, Fannie Jo Peagler for the misprinted information under one of the pictures in February's Grapevine.

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The San Francisco Unified School District presents Dr. Louise Hart, author of "The Winning Family: Increasing Self-Esteem in your Children and Yourself" will speak with parents and families on March 5, 1991 at Dr. M. L. King, Jr. Middle School, 350 Girard St. from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

Sport Camp II - The Recreation & Park Commission is investigating the possibility of operating a year-round sports camp at Candlestick Park. The Program would be for teens, and would teach them how to put on a sports event and expose them to various sports-related career possibilities, such as radio management, concessionaire work, broadcasting, etc.

Famous Black American

Daniel Hale Williams was a famous Black American. He was born January 18,1856, in Pennsylvania. He was the fifth child out of seven kids. Daniel's nationality is German, Black, and Indian. Since his father owned a barber shop, none of his sisters or brothers experienced the ills of slavery. Daniel's father died when he was eleven years old. Everything was hard for then and so they were separated. Dan, which is a nickname, was sent to live with a friend in Baltimore. After a while, Dan went to live with his sister in Edgerton, Wisconsin, for more schooling opportunities. Then Dan moved to Janesville and was hired by a barber named Harry Anderson. Harry also let Dan live with his family. The Andersons treated Dan as if he was one of their own. Daniel also made extra money playing the guitar. He attend a local academy where he received his high school diploma in 1877. Dan was convinced that he wanted to become a doctor. In order to become a doctor he had to work as a doctor's helper. Dr. Palmer agrees to permit Dan to train under him. First he learned minor things, then he later increased his medical knowledge by reading medical journals. He essentially prepared himself for medical school. After two years of training, he applied and was admitted to Chicago Medical College. After eighteen months, he then completed his medical training and received his diploma in March, 1883. Immediately following graduation, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams opened an office on Chicago's south side Thirty First and Michigan Ave., a neighborhood that was becoming heavily populated with southern black immigrants. Dan performed surgical operations in his office or in the patients home. But because Black people were customarily the last to be treated, frequently neglected, and often released prematurely, many blacks preferred to risk an operation on their kitchen or dining room table by a black physician who would care for them attentively, than to go to an over crowded all black charity ward of a hospital and get treated disdainfully. Although there was unanimous agreement on the necessity of a hospital for blacks, there were some reservations expressed about opening a hospital to all people regardless of color. Dan convincing the community was not to difficult, for most blacks already knew how desperately they needed the services of a hospital on which they could depend. In May of 1891, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams' dream came true: A hospital opened to all people, regardless of color.

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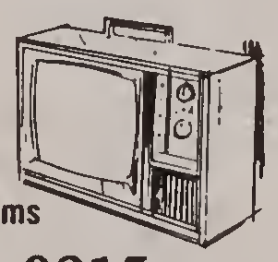

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